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much of the federal tax dollars as possible to the most economical entities in accordance to an allocation process that directly addresses the climate of the locality to be served. In short, the money goes where it is needed and equitably so. Section 10 of the bill directs the Social Services to perform an annual evaluation of each CAA funded with CSBG funds and assess and monitor their effectiveness. Section 11 directs the Department of Social Services to allocate now 92 percent of the federal CSBG money received by Nebraska between the eligible communities and the action agencies. This legislation recognizes and supports the federal enabling legislation that awards these grants each year. The section also sets out three factors the department should consider when appropriating these funds. The State of Nebraska received approximately \$2.5 million annually for the express purpose of providing needed service to low income Nebraskans on a local delivery basis. 913 seeks to implement that philosophy by directing these dollars to entities that we know can deliver it. With that, Mr. President, I'd move the advancement of LB 913.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'm going to make a relatively small comment because every now and then one does have to make a comment. This is an "I told you so" bill. Last year this body on a vote of 25-24 passed LB 430 that dealt with the same subject, community action agencies, passed it on the last day. Governor Kerrey rudely vetoed it and some of its principal opponents such as Senator George Fenger decided they would do an interim study of community action agencies and they did so and they have ended up becoming true believers in the work of community action agencies and that is why we have before us today LB 913. So it is nice that from time to time the error of one's ways are pointed out and appropriate rectification occurs.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Fenger, would you like to close on the mending of your ways?

SENATOR FENGER: I would only advise Senator Johnson the